

Senate Resolution 1139

By: Senators Jones of the 10th and Miles of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Department of Human Resources to provide for a stillborn birth
2 certificate; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, stillborn deaths are deaths prior to the complete extraction of a baby from its
4 mother occurring after the twentieth week of pregnancy and does not include the induced
5 termination of pregnancy as defined by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; and

6 WHEREAS, according to Emory University there are nearly 100 fetal deaths reported for
7 every 10,000 deliveries each year; and

8 WHEREAS, there is no loss greater than that of an infant who passes prior to beginning its
9 life; and

10 WHEREAS, the parents of a stillborn infant should be given the option of memorializing
11 their baby as well as documenting the existence of that child.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
13 urge the Georgia Department of Human Resources to develop a certificate of stillbirth that
14 would be offered to the mother of a stillborn child and filed with the State Office of Vital
15 Records.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
17 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Department of Human Resources.